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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 24, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Please amend Claim 16 and 17 as shown below.**

<sup>10</sup>~~16~~. (Amended) The process of Claim <sup>9</sup>~~14~~, wherein growing the field oxide further comprises maintaining the oxidant partial pressure at about 5-30 atm.

11/ (Amended) The process of Claim 14, wherein growing the field oxide further comprises maintaining the substrate at greater than about 900°C.

The Examiner has rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Germany '885 alone or in view of Marshall et al. In response, Applicants submit that these obviousness based rejections are addressed by Applicants' Appeal Brief (filed